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Re *Application by SBC Communications Inc., et al. for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin*, WC Docket No. 03-167

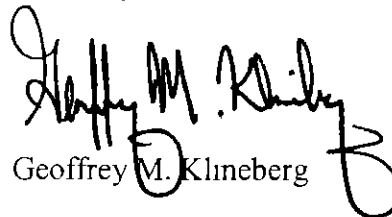
*Petition of SBC Communications Inc. for Forbearance from the Prohibition of Sharing Operating, Installation and Maintenance Functions Under Section 53.203(a)(2) of the Commissions Rules*, CC Docket Nos. 96-149, ~~98-141~~ **98-141**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of SBC Communications Inc. ("SBC"), I would like to inform you that William M. Daley and James C. Smith, on behalf of SBC, met today with Commissioner Copps and R. Paul Marge to discuss the status of the pending Joint Section 271 Applications for Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition, they discussed some of the public policy issues involved in SBC's forbearance petition relating to the sharing of Operating, Installation, and Maintenance functions.

In accordance with this Commission's rules governing ex parte communications, we are filing an original and two copies of this letter in both of the proceedings captioned above. Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey M. Klineberg

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